(b) if so, by when the plant is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to severe constraints on resources, it has not been possible to take substantive steps in this regard.

Tribal Co-operative marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.

2639. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. is aware of the problems being faced by lac producers of Bihar; particularly in tribal areas of the State;

(b) if so, whether experienced and trained persons in the field of lac have been appointed in the organisation; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of posts are lying vacant in different cadres in the organisation, if so, what are the planning of the organisation to fill up these posts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Federation, being a marketing organisation, operates through the state federations. It has fixed a procurement price of Rs. 10-12 per kg. for Baisaki and intimated about it to the Bihar State Cooperative Lac Marketing Federation (BISCOLAMF) for arranging procuremen at this price.

(c) The requirement of staff with the Federation is being continuously assessed and recruitment action taken from time to time. The Federation has issued appointment letters to 72 candidates for various posts during the last three months.

Implemenation of 15 point programme in public undertaking under the control of State Government

2640. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of public undertakings where welfare works have been carried out for the welfare of minorities under the 15 Point Programme of the Prime Minister; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Point No. 10 in the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of the Minorities provides that the Public Sector Enterprises, *inter alia*, should ensure that special consideration is given to recruitment from minority communities. Accordingly, the Bureau of Public Enterprises has issued instructions to all the public sector enterprises under their control asking them to constitute Selection Commitees for recruitment to Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts by including representatives of minority communities. State Governments have also been requested by the Ministry of Welfare to take similar action.

Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme basically seeks to ensure that a feeling of security is instilled in the minds of the minorities and that there is no discrmiination. No exclusive programmes or welfare works for the minorities are envisaged under this Programme.

Advertisements to Urdu newspapers by DAVP

2641. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the advertisements given by the DAVP to the Urdu newspapers published from Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Patna, Lucknow Kanpur and Banaras from 1st January, 1988 to 15th February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): The value of the advertisements given to